

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-27 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "Ar is a phenyl which is substituted with (i) one or more C₁₋₈ alkyl which may be substituted with one or more halogen". Support for this amendment can be found on page 45, lines 15 and 18-19, and example 160 on page 322 of the specification.

Claim 16 has been amended delete "or preventing" and "or prevented".

Claim 18 has been amended to include "a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier". Support for this amendment can be found on page 136, lines 23 and 24 of the specification.

Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' attorney by Examiner Habte during the telephonic interviews held on October 28, 2010 and November 1, 2010. Examiner Habte agreed that the above-discussed amendments would place the application in condition for allowance. In addition, he requested Applicants to specifically point out support for the substituents on variable "Ar" in claim 1.

Support for "Ar is a phenyl which is substituted with (i) one or more C₁₋₈ alkyl which may be substituted with one or more halogen" can be found on page 45, lines 15 and 18-19, and example 160 on page 322 of the specification.

Support for "Ar is a phenyl which is substituted with...(ii) one or more alkoxy" can be found on page 45, line 23 of the specification.

Support for "Ar is a phenyl which is substituted with...(iii) one or more halogen" can be found on page 45, line 22 of the specification.

Support for "Ar is a phenyl which is substituted with...(v) one or more hydroxy" can be found on page 45, line 22 of the specification.

Support for "Ar is a phenyl which is substituted with...(iv) one or more benzyloxy" can be found in view of the following disclosure of the specification:

(a) the "substituent" of the "optionally substituted aryl" for Ar includes "(4) optionally substituted hydroxyl group" (see page 44, line 16);

(b) the “substituent” of the “(4) optionally substituted hydroxyl group” includes “optionally substituted hydrocarbyl” (see page 44, line 19 to page 45, line 1);

(c) the “optionally substituted hydrocarbyl” includes “those exemplified above” (see page 45, lines 1-3);

(d) the “hydrocarbyl” in the “optionally substituted hydrocarbyl” includes an “aromatic-aliphatic hydrocarbon group (an aralkyl group)” (see page 26, line 7); and

(e) the “aromatic-aliphatic hydrocarbon group” includes “benzyl” (see page 28, lines 21-24).

Therefore, the specification specifically describes that the “substituent” of “phenyl” for variable Ar may be “benzyloxy” (i.e., a hydroxyl group substituted with a benzyl), as in example 161 on page 322 of the specification.

Accordingly, claim 1 is sufficiently described in the specification such that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that Applicants had possession of the claimed compounds at the time the application was filed.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the amendments and remarks filed October 19, 2010, it is submitted that the rejections set forth by the Examiner have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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